(b) if so, whether the Central Government have taken any decision in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the current policy, issue of public sector bonds is restricted to only those undertakings which are wholly or partly owned by Central Government.

SC/ST Officers in Syndicate Bank

1992. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in pursuance of the judgement of Supreme Court, the Syndicate Bank provided reservation for SC/ST Officers in promotion and communicated vide its circular No. 101/91/BC/HRDD/10/MPRDS dated the 19th April, 1991 ;

(b) whether Syndicate Bank have withdrawn established reservation in promotion in interscale, within officers cadre with effect from 1st November, 1990 on 28th April, 1993; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) In pursuance of the Supreme Court judgement dated 10th August 1990 in the Writ Petition No. 847/87 filed by Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees' Association versus Union of India and others, Syndicate Bank provided for reservations in favour of SC/ST in promotions within its officers cadre.

(b) and (c) Following the Department of Personnel & Training instructions dated 1st November 1990 to the effect that there is no reservation in promotions based on selection method within Group A posts, Syndicate Bank discontinued reservations in promotions within its officers cadre A contempt petition filed by Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Association before the Hon'ble Supreme Court against the officers of the bank and others was dismissed by the latter on 19th July 1993.

Delay in Clearing of Refunds for Deemed Exports

1993. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI P. UPENDRA :
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :
SMT. MIRA DAS :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that undue delay [illegible] refunds for the deemed exports wherein the local manufacturers have paid excise and customs for the raw material used and the products made for exports;

(b) what is the amount to be cleared under this refund scheme known as supplementary CCS (Cash Compensatory Support);

(c) what are the reasons for undue delay;

(d) what is the actual time stipulated for refund; and

(e) whether Government would compensate for the officer's negligence in clearing the refund dues ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Yes Sir. Some delay has occurred in clearing the refund for deemed exports.

(b) The amount, to be cleared under deemed export incentives, is Rs. 243.49 crores only as on 1-12-1994.

(c) to (e) Allocation of funds in a staggered manner is the main reason for delay in clearing the cases. As and when funds are received, the claims are paid immediately after necessary scrutiny. There is no negligence on the part of officers.

Income Tax Collections

1994. SHRI HIPHEI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Income Tax Department has re-designed its strategies to step up its collections during the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these strategies would enable the Government to achieve its target fixed for the current fiscal year;

(d) whether these strategies would not harass and embarrass the general public;

(e) wheher these strategies provide that no inconvenience would be caused to non-tax payers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the measures to be taken in case these strategies are misused ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) The Income Tax Department is poised to collect substantial increase in collection in direct taxes, which is sought to be achieved by the following means—

(a) Drive to increase collections specially through TDS;

(b) Drive to widen the tax base;

(c) Computerisation; and

(d) Enforcing accountability.